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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

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**111-2
HEALTH PLANNING**

**111-2-2
Certificate of Need**

111-2-2-.36 Specific Review Considerations for Long Term Care Hospitals.

(1) Applicability. A certificate of need will be required prior to the establishment of any new long term care hospital; the expansion of any existing long term care hospital; or the consolidation of long term care hospitals. Any such establishment, expansion, or consolidation shall be reviewed solely under the general considerations of 111-2-2-.09.

(2) Definitions.

- (a) "Consolidation" means the merger of two or more existing long term care hospitals into a single facility without exceeding the combined bed capacity of the existing hospitals;
- (b) "Expansion" means the addition of beds, regardless of cost, or the expenditure of funds in excess of the current capital expenditure threshold;
- (c) "Long term care hospital" means a freestanding hospital or a hospital located within a general acute care hospital, which, in the case of an existing facility, has an average length of stay of greater than 25 days and is certified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") as a long term care hospital, or, which, in the case of an applicant proposing to establish a long term care hospital, proposes to have an average length of stay of greater than 25 days and proposes to be certified by CMS as a long term care hospital.

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